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SUBJECT: EXPANSION PROJECT

REF: BA 6696

- 1. AS REQUESTED WE CONTACTED EXIMBANK TO DETERMINE THEIR POSITION ON ACINDAR EXPANSION. BANK REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THEY HAD MET WITH ACINDAR OFFICIAL JUAN CARLOS SORONADO ON EXPANSION PLANS AND ENCOURAGED HIM TO SUBMIT PRELIMINARY COMMITTMENT REQUEST. ACINDAR IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING DIRECT REDUCTION MILL AND ARC FURNANCES FROM US.
- 2. AS EMBASSY AWARE EXIMBANK RECENTLY CHANGED A NUMBER OF ITS OPERATING POLICIES WHICH WILL AFFECT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IT WILL BE WILLING TO GRANT ON LOANS. BANK IS UNWILLING TO STATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNTIL AFTER SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF PERLIMINARY COMMITTMENT REQUEST. EACH TRANSACTION AND THE TERMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CONDITIONS OF A LOAN ARE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE

BASIS.

3. WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EMBASSY ENCOURAGE ACINDAR TO SUBMIT PRELIMINARY COMMITTMENT REQUEST. EMBASSY COULD STRESS THAT EXIMBANKS'S NEW POLICIES EMPHASIZE FELXIBILITY. THE BANK IS WELL AWARE THAT ACINDAR HAS BEEN A GOOD CUSTOMER AND THAT THERE ARE FOREIGN SUPPLIERS OF THIS EQUIPMENT WHICH ACINDAR COULD TURN TO IF BANK REFUSES THE LOAN. IN OUR OPINION THESE CONSIDERATIONS WILL PROBABLY AFFECT FAVORABLY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TRANSACTION.

4. WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST EMBASSY TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO ENCOURAGE US FIRMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMPLEX. KISSINGER

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